Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1854.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 12th September, A. D. 1854, R. A. M. 2384.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand King.
" HORACE CHENERY, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. WM. H. L. SMITH, . .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" E. W. TOLMAN, . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" JOEL TALBOT, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t,*
" HENRY EARL, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND, }	Committee of Finance.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, }	
" SAMUEL MILLARD, }	Committee of Charity.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, }	
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, ROBERT KEITH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, and Franklin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read and approved.

M.E. Comp. Dame, in behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of appointing an agent to visit the Chapters under this jurisdiction, reported progress, and at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

M.E. Comp. Hammatt, for the Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, reported progress, and at his request, were granted further time.

M.E. Comp. Keith, chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the subject of restoring the 5th Article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, viz:

The Committee appointed at the stated meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in June last, to take into consideration and report on the expediency of restoring the 5th Article of the Regulations, which was repealed at the last annual meeting, have carefully and attentively considered that subject, and now ask leave to report, that the Article above referred to, ought to be restored, and form Article 5th of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT KEITH,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
} *Committee.*

Boston, 12th September, 1854.

A motion having been made that the report be accepted, a debate arose when the subject matter of the report was

fully and freely discussed, after which the motion was put and the report rejected, eight votes in favor of acceptance and nine against.

A petition from several Royal Arch Masons for leave to establish a Chapter at Pittsfield, was presented, and referred to M.E. Comps. E. A. Raymond, Joseph Bedlow, and Henry Earl. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, viz:

BOSTON, September 12, 1854.

The Committee to whom was referred a petition from several companions for a Chapter at Pittsfield, respectfully report, that they find the papers informal, and therefore ask to be discharged.

E. A. RAYMOND,
JOSEPH BEDLOW,
HENRY EARL,
} *Committee.*

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

Voted, That Franklin Royal Arch Chapter be allowed the use of certain jewels loaned them, another year.

Comp. Crooks, who had been appointed to visit Northampton Royal Arch Chapter, reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and had received from that Chapter the sum of fifty-one dollars, and recommended that this amount be received in full for the fees due from Northampton Chapter.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and that the expenses of Comp. Crooks in visiting Northampton Chapter be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

It was also *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of the Grand Chapter in attending

the celebration at Framingham in June last, amounting to two dollars and fifty cents.

The Committee of Finance being absent, M.E. Comps. Millard and Talbot, were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past year. This Committee having attended to the duty assigned them submitted the following report, which was read and accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's account, have attended to that duty, and find that the same is correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year, including a balance on hand of $47.32 at the last annual meeting, the sum of . . .	249 32
And has paid out the sum of	121 00
Leaving a balance in his hands of	$128 32

Which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MILLARD, } *Committee*
JOEL TALBOT, } *of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 12, 1854.

The M.E. Grand High Priest then delivered an able and interesting address, giving a brief history of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts, from the organization of the Grand Chapter to the present time.

A motion was made and adopted, that the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter be printed, together with the Grand High Priest's address delivered this evening.

ADDRESS.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Companions.—As the traveler over earth's uneven surface, often ascends to elevated positions on which he finds it convenient, after his upward toil, to rest for a short space, and from which too he may find it pleasant to take a brief retrospect of the way he has come, so the present anniversary occasion affords us one of those "high hills" of observation on which we will stop to take breath and look around us, not so much to discover the approach of "cowans and eavesdroppers"—things which seldom dare show themselves—as to mark the distance we have come, review the objects that have attracted our attention by the way, and make arrangements for the future.

My absence from the State at the time of your last anniversary, on business of importance to our beloved Order, in connection with the General Grand Chapter, prevented my addressing you at that time as I had intended. But I cannot feel willing to let the present occasion pass without making some remarks on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts. This course, highly proper in itself, I am the more inclined to take, from the fact, that one esteemed member of this body, in the course of the past year, expressed a most earnest desire that the Chapters generally, and particularly those in the country towns, should be put in possession of more information in regard to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this Commonwealth.

In regard to some of the Chapters, I have not found it practicable to obtain much valuable information. But this evil, I think, may be remedied in future, so that your presiding officer, whoever he may be, will be able to lay before you the precise state of each Chapter, with all its statistics.

The past year has been one of great Masonic prosperity, and with some of our institutions, I fear, quite too much so, if, in a superabundance of work there is danger of placing in the building bad material. But before speaking of the present state of the Chapters, I wish for the benefit of our younger companions, to refer to the past so far as this Grand body is concerned. The older members who have borne the burden and heat of the day, need no information on this subject. They can recollect the former days of prosperity. They too witnessed the dark days that succeeded, when their beautiful house was laid waste, and many of their com-

panions were carried into captivity. And, like the old men in the days of Haggai, Joshua and Zerrubbabel, they have lived to rejoice in the rebuilding of the Lord's House, and in the bringing again to light treasures which had long been buried in darkness. But the younger companions, of whom our Chapters are now mostly made up, would like to know the past, that they may be the better prepared for the future.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Since our last meeting, I have examined with much care the entire records of the proceedings of this Body, from the commencement, and find that it was first organized as a Deputy Grand Chapter, agreeable to an article in "the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America," March 13th, 1798. There were then but two Subordinate Chapters: St. Andrew's, of Boston, and King Cyrus, of Newburyport. They met in the Masonic Hall, in the old Green Dragon, in Union Street, Boston. The expenses of the meeting were £2, 1s., of which each of the two Chapters paid £1, 0s, 6d. M.E. Benjamin Hurd, Jr., Esq., of Charlestown, was elected the first presiding officer, and styled Deputy Grand High Priest. In April, 1799, this body met as a Deputy Grand Chapter, and among other business, passed the following:

"*Resolved*, That the doings of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at their meeting at Providence, be, and the same hereby is ratified and confirmed."

They then discontinued their Deputy form, and elected their officers as a Grand Chapter, providing for a Grand High Priest, as well as a Deputy Grand High Priest, though, for a number of the earlier years, the Deputy was appointed, and not elected.

Those who are curious to know how our fathers did business a half century since, can examine the records for themselves. My object at present will be to show the progress of the Institution, by the organization of new Chapters.

For five years, two Chapters only, constituted the Grand Body. But in September, 1803, a dispensation for a Chapter was granted

to the companions in the town of Groton, and in October, 1804, a Charter was given them, and St. John's Royal Arch Chapter was duly installed in that town.

Mount Vernon Chapter, Portland, Me., was granted a dispensation February 13, 1805. This Chapter was afterwards duly installed under a Charter, though I find no mention made of that fact. But many important items of business, in those early days, were either wholly omitted or imperfectly recorded.

King Solomon's Chapter, at Charlton, was the next. It received a dispensation September, 1805. When this Chapter was first chartered we do not know; but we find, that, after much trouble with it, the Grand Body, in 1807, appointed a Committee to examine into their affairs, and if necessary, demand their Charter. And yet as late as September 6, 1815, the record tells us the Grand Chapter consecrated King Solomon's Chapter, and installed the officers.

About this time, or in 1808, complaints were made that certain persons in Roxbury were conferring the Chapter degrees in an illegal manner. The persons thus made, or most of them at least, were afterwards healed. They applied for a Chapter in Roxbury, but the request was not granted.

Washington Chapter, in Salem, received a dispensation January, 1811, and was chartered and consecrated January, 1812.

King Hiram's Chapter, at Greenwich, received a dispensation June 13, 1815, and was consecrated and officers installed under a Charter, September 4, 1816.

Adoniram Chapter, at Attleborough, had a dispensation granted September, 1816, and was consecrated June 24, 1817. In June, 1825, this Chapter, by permission of this Grand Chapter, removed from Attleborough to Taunton. And again, in September, 1845, it was removed from Taunton to New Bedford, where it still holds its communications.

Franklin Chapter, at Greenfield, received a dispensation Decem-

ber 9, 1817. But, though this Chapter was afterwards organized under a Charter, no record of the time appears.

Rising Sun Chapter. As early as June, 1812, a petition for a Chapter in Nantucket was presented, and the request *conditionally* granted. But it is probable that the condition was not complied with; as another petition for a dispensation was presented June 9, 1818. The request was granted, and in November of the same year, Rising Sun Chapter was duly consecrated and the officers installed.

Morning Star Chapter, Springfield. The first record I find of this Chapter, is the fact of its being represented in Grand Chapter, June 9, 1818, while under a dispensation. It was afterwards chartered, though no record of that fact appears. But this Chapter was regularly represented in Grand Chapter until September, 1827.

St. Paul's Chapter, Boston, received a dispensation December 8, 1818. And on the 25th of January, 1819, this Chapter was dedicated and the officers duly installed, with Masonic ceremonies.

Montgomery Chapter, Bath, Me., received a dispensation December 7, 1819, and was installed under a Charter in July, 1820.

New Jerusalem Chapter, Wiscasset, Me., received a dispensation December 7, 1819, and was consecrated under a Charter in July, 1820.

Jerusalem Chapter, Hallowell, Me., received its dispensation December 29, 1819, and was regularly organized under a Charter in July, 1820.

Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton, received a dispensation December 12, 1820, and in August, 1821, it was chartered and dedicated.

Thomas Chapter, Princeton, received a dispensation December 11, 1821, and was chartered, dedicated, and the officers installed, June 24, 1823.

Worcester Chapter, Worcester, received a dispensation September 18, 1823, and was consecrated under a Charter in October, 1824.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, Medway, received a dispensation December 14, 1824, and was consecrated and chartered the June following.

Sutton Chapter, Sutton, received its dispensation December 11, 1824, but was not consecrated under a Charter till October 17, 1827.

Northampton Chapter, Northampton, received a dispensation in June, 1825, and was chartered and consecrated August 9, 1826.

Brookfield Chapter, Brookfield, which should have been noticed next to Sutton, received its dispensation December 14, 1824, and was chartered and consecrated October 19, 1825.

Concord Chapter, Concord, received a dispensation March 25, 1826, and was duly consecrated under a Charter August 16, 1826.

Mount Horeb Chapter, Lowell, received a dispensation April 8, 1826, and was regularly chartered and consecrated August 31, of the same year.

St. Luke's Chapter, Marblehead, received a dispensation June 1, 1826, and was consecrated under a Charter in May, 1827.

Bethlehem Chapter, New Bedford, received a dispensation September 26, 1826. In September, 1827, this dispensation was continued for twelve months longer. And in September, 1828, the dispensation was extended to December, 1829. This same course was pursued for several years longer; but whether the Chapter ever received a Charter does not appear.

Here, in reference to Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts, the first chapter of prosperity comes to a close, and one of darker aspect opens. Seizing on an unfortunate circumstance which occurred in a neighboring State, aspiring political demagogues, aided by shallow brained tools, and encouraged by false brethren who could readily make merchandise of their honor, raised an Anti-masonic tempest which swept over the country like a tornado. It is not, however, our intention to repeat the story of those times which tried men's souls. And yet we must allude to those days in refer-

ence to their effect on the subject of which we are speaking. Such wild fanaticism and exterminating zeal prevailed in many towns, and, strange to say, such was the defection of men who before were considered "good and true," that even the really worthy could not maintain their Masonic position in an organized form. The consequence was, quite a number of the Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, had no longer an existence.

St. Luke's Chapter, at Marblehead, was the first to give up. This Chapter surrendered its Charter, June 9, 1829, for want of ability to meet expenses.

In December, 1834, the Grand Chapter appointed the Grand Council a Committee to correspond with such Chapters as wished to give up; and to receive their Charters, books, &c.

Some of the Chapters surrendered their Charters voluntarily, others gave them up at the call of the Grand Chapter, while some actually died Charter in hand.

Previous to this, in 1821, the Grand Chapter of Maine was instituted, in consequence of which four Chapters located in that State, were transferred to the jurisdiction of that Grand Body; viz., Mount Vernon, Montgomery, Jerusalem, and New Jerusalem.

From these causes the number of Chapters in Massachusetts was greatly reduced. So that in 1844, the whole number was five; and three of these a part of the time had barely kept alive. For fifteen or eighteen yeaas there had been very few exaltations, and in some of these Chapters none. The five Chapters alluded to were St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Adoniram, Mount Zion, and Sutton. These Chapters, particularly the two in Boston, and Mount Zion at Stoughton, sustained this Grand Body through the fiery trial; for which they are deserving of the highest praise.

It is a long night that is not followed by another day. And the day began to dawn on this Grand Chapter, in regard to the increase of Subordinates, by the efforts of Companions in New Bedford. As there was no probability of reviving Bethlehem Chapter, they induced the members of Adoniram Chapter, at Taunton, to petition for the removal of that Chapter to New Bedford. And this petition was granted by the Grand Chapter in September, 1845. Since which time Adoniram Chapter, at New Bedford, has been prospering, and doing quite an amount of work.

Worcester Chapter, at Worcester, petitioned this Grand Chapter, March 10, 1846, for renewal of its Charter, which request was granted. That Chapter then commenced work, and has continued to prosper to this time.

Mount Horeb Chapter, at Lowell, had its charter renewed at the same meeting of the Grand Body, March 10, 1846, and is now in a prosperous condition.

Morning Star Chapter, at Springfield, however, had its Charter renewed the preceding month, February 11, 1846, and is still doing a respectable work, so far as I have the means of knowing.

Northampton Chapter, at Northampton, at the request of a few companions in that town, had its Charter renewed March 7, 1848. But this Chapter has not done much work, and appears not to possess much efficiency.

Thomas Chapter, or rather certain companions who were once members thereof, petitioned for the privilege of removing their Chapter from Princeton, where it formerly met, to Fitchburg; which was granted, with a renewal of the Charter, October 12, 1847. Since that time Thomas Chapter has held its communications in Fitchburg, and is doing well.

King Cyrus Chapter, at Newburyport, one of the two which at first constituted this Grand Chapter, after having shared the same fate of others, for several years, had its Charter renewed September 12, 1848. But this step might have been unadvised, as the Chapter has done little or nothing since its renewal of Charter. And being discouraged under the circumstances, that Chapter again returned its Charter to this Grand Body, at our last session, three months since. It is, however, to be hoped, that King Cyrus Chapter will again reclaim its Charter, and hold its former honorable

position in this Body. There are valuable Royal Arch Masons in that town.

Washington Chapter, Salem, petitioned for a renewal of its Charter September 7, 1852, which was granted. They then did considerable work for a few months; but the removal of some of their principal officers from that place, has left them in rather a feeble state; not, however, for want of numbers, nor for excellent men, but for working, active officers. But as they have plenty of good material, we hope soon that Chapter will be in good working order again.

Franklin Chapter, at Greenfield, which surrendered its Charter to the Grand Chapter in 1836, applied March 8, 1853, to have it renewed; which request was granted. And since that time that Chapter has been doing excellently, and is in a very flourishing condition.

Mount Zion Chapter, at Stoughton, has exalted one companion the past year. This is encouraging, as it is the only one for many years. We hope there will be more soon.

Sutton Chapter, at Sutton, we know but little about; though we have reason to believe that it is doing well.

Last, but not least, the two Chapters in Boston, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, are in a high state of prosperity; and, for the last ten years have done an immense amount of Masonic work.

Thus, my companions, I have briefly stated the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts; and had I gone more into particulars, it would have extended these remarks quite too far. It will be seen from the above, that there are twelve Subordinate Chapters working under this Grand Chapter. And, although it is less than half the number which has been chartered by it at different times, still there are nearly three ttmes as many as there were ten years since. And as Craft Masonry is now so flourishing, we can but believe that other Chapters will, before long, be springing up in different parts of the State. To produce this effect, as well as to perpetuate the prosperity of the Chapters that now are, this

Grand Chapter must be sustained. The meetings of this body must be thought of and attended somewhat as those of the Grand Lodge are. Companions generally should know of the meetings, by hearing them mentioned with interest. Every Chapter should be fully represented, either by their full councils or proxies thereof. This should not be overlooked. And every Chapter should see that their dues are fully and punctually paid up. When these things are properly attended to, we shall see a new and powerful impulse given to Royal Arch Masonry in this State.

Another thing that should by no means be overlooked, is the *Work* and *Lectures* of the degrees. Here is our vitality. Readiness, accuracy and uniformity, on this point, are indispensable, if we intend to secure efficiency and perpetuity. Aware of this fact, and knowing also, that the causes referred to above had led to many discrepancies, this Grand Chapter, in June, 1849, passed the following:—

"*Voted*, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to take such measures as he shall deem expedient and proper, to produce an uniformity of work and lectures in the several Chapters under this jurisdiction."

The result of this vote, was a Convention in this city, composed of eminent Royal Arch Masons from the several New England States, including the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States. This Convention spent four days in carefully examining the question of uniformity, and deciding on what should constitute it. The result of their deliberations and decisions was fully laid before the General Grand Chapter, at its session in Boston, in September, 1850. By that Body it was given for revision and correction, if need be, to a large and able Committee, selected from all parts of the United States. After much labor, that Committee reported to the General Grand Chapter such alterations and corrections as they thought necessary. The whole subject was then carefully revised by the full Chapter, and finally settled.

The work and lectures, as thus settled, have been secured with great accuracy, and adopted by this Grand Chapter, for the Chap-

ters under its jurisdiction. No alteration was made in this work and lectures at the session of the General Grand Chapter in Lexington, Ky., last year. A Committee was raised to consider the subject, who made two distinct reports, both of which were laid on the table; thus leaving the whole matter just where it was left, at the session in Boston, three years before. And to the knowledge of the writer of this article, this work has been introduced into, at least, nine of the States of this Union. He has also personally visited eight of the twelve Chapters in this State, to aid them in this necessary attainment. Still, it is to be feared, that all is not done by some of these eight, that should be done, to make them perfect. And the other four should take early measures to secure the same end. Activity will secure prosperity. As early as 1817 the Grand Chapter discovered the evil of itinerant and unauthorized persons attempting to instruct in the lectures of the several degrees. And they took measures to remedy this evil, by appointing one or more "Grand Visitors," to go to the Chapters that needed instruction, and impart it. This was to secure uniformity and perfection. And we should still aim at those objects.

There is another subject which I wish to mention. It is the printing of the doings of this Grand Body, for the benefit of Subordinates. There was wisdom in the following vote, passed by our fathers, just thirty-seven years ago, viz:—

"*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to each of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, an annual printed communication (under the direction of the Grand High Priest, and within one month after each annual meeting of the Grand Chapter) of the names of the Grand Officers, and such other matters as the Grand High Priest may deem necessary."

Some such course as this ought now to be pursued for the benefit of the Chapters in this State. It serves another important purpose: copies can be sent to the other Grand Chapters in the Union, that they may know what we are doing. In return they will send us their doings for our information. Other Grand Chapters publish their doings annually; but they are tired of sending them here, and get none from us. And here I would state, that

your Committee of Correspondence, who were expected to report at this session, have been unable to comply with your wishes, simply because most of the State Grand Chapters have ceased to send us copies of their doings. When we send ours they will send theirs. Then your Committee of Correspondence will be of some use to us, as theirs is to them. Now we cannot even tell who are the Grand Officers in any of the other Grand Chapters, if we wish to correspond with any of them. A different state of things, in my opinion, should prevail. Let us all say we will have it, and the work is done.

I would express my thoughts on some other matters, and more fully on some of these, if I were not satisfied that, already, I have drawn too long on your patience. I therefore respectfully submit the above.

STEPHEN LOVELL.

Boston, September 12, 1844.

Voted to go into Committee of the whole for the choice of officers.

M.E. Comp. E. A. Raymond was called to the chair, and M.E. Comps. Dame and Earl, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The following companions were unanimously elected to the several offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOSEPH BEDLOW,	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,	Grand King.
" HORACE CHENERY,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. PETER C. JONES,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then arose and by their chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which was unanimously accepted by the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the installation of the officers be postponed to the next stated meeting

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

September 13. The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. The work on the Mark, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master's degrees was exhibited, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 12th December, A. D. 1854.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand King.
" HORACE CHENERY, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. SAMUEL W. GLEASON, .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" STEPHEN MERRILL, .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" GEORGE MOULTON, .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" MARTIN W. LONG, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

Rev. PAUL DEAN,	ROBERT KEITH,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	JOEL TALBOT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,	JOHN FLINT,

JONAS A. MARSHALL.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, Mount Horeb, Sutton, and Franklin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at seven o'clock, and the record of the last meeting read and approved.

M.E. Comp. Winslow Lewis, in behalf of the Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of M.E. Daniel Lewis Gibbens, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be placed upon the records, viz:

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, at their meeting subsequent to the death of their late lamented associate, Daniel L. Gibbens, appointed a Committee to report such resolutions, as would indicate their sense of the great loss sustained by said institution. The chairman of said Committee having been absent, could not prepare until now the expression of these sentiments which the Grand Chapter, though tardily, yet unanimously adopt.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, deeply feel the great loss sustained by the death of M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, Esq., who departed this life full of years and full of honors—the honors of a well spent, useful and exemplary career—the honors expressed while living, by the community among whom he resided, and by their sincere regrets, when their esteemed fellow citizen was no more.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter, by this bereavement, have lost an old, long-tried and devoted companion, one ever faithful to the trusts reposed in him, in every Masonic relation, and that his memory will be cherished as of an exemplar in the duties of a citizen, friend and brother.

WINSLOW LEWIS, }
JOHN B. HAMMATT, } *Committee.*

The petition of Richard S. Spofford, Jona. G. Johnson, John Andrews, John Cook, Eleazer Johnson, Nathan Chase, Mark Symons, Joseph T. Pike, and Stephen S. Hodge, former members of King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, at Newburyport, praying that the Charter of said Chapter may be restored to them, was presented and referred to M.E. Comps. Hammatt, Keith, and Lewis. After consultation, this Committee reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners aforesaid.

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted, and that the amount now due from King Cyrus Chapter to the Grand Chapter be remitted.

A petition was presented, signed by Merrill Pettengill, Samuel W. Gleason, Israel F. Crafts, David Briggs, Stephen Merrill, James A. Maynard, Garvin R. Pierce, George F. Sampson, Elisha J. Cleveland, J. F. Bradford, and Walton Felch, praying for a Charter or Warrant, to authorize the petitioners to organize and establish a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under the name and title of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, to be located at East Boston. This petition having been read, was referred to M.E. Comps. E. M. P. Wells, W. Lewis, and W. T. Davis. This Committee subsequently reported, that the prayer of the petitioners aforesaid, ought to be granted, and this report was unanimously accepted, the consent of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Chapters having been obtained and exhibited to the Committee. The Grand High Priest accordingly issued a Dispensation for a Chapter in Ward Second of the city of Boston, to be called St. John's Royal Arch Chapter.

The petition of William Whiting, James Weir, John Hosmer, and N. M. Wright, members of the late Concord Chapter, together with Charles R. Train, Paul Dean, F. F. Heard, G. A. Hoyt, Charles E. Horne, John Hoyt, George Bullard,

S. B. Seaward, Charles Rice, J. B. Puffer, Jeremiah Butler, A. S. Wilson, B. I. Leeds, Daniel Parmenter, and Jonathan Greenwood, Royal Arch Masons in Framingham, praying that they may be allowed to resume the Charter of Concord Chapter, and locate the same at Framingham. The petition was read and referred to M.E. Comps. Dame, Flint, and Marshall. This Committee subsequently reported, that the petitioners have leave to resume the Charter of Concord Chapter aforesaid, and organize the same in the town of Concord,* its former location; and this report was unanimously accepted.

A petition was presented and read, signed by Franklin Weston, L. H. Garnwell, Josiah Carter, Daniel Chapman, I. W. Garnwell, E. F. Ensign, C. M. Wheldon, Abiel Witherbee, and O. D. Miller, Royal Arch Masons, praying for a Dispensation, empowering them to meet and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Pittsfield, under the name "Evening Star Chapter." This petition was referred to M.E. Comps. Dame, Talbot, and Bedlow, who reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners aforesaid; whereupon it was *Voted*, unanimously, That the report be accepted, and the petition granted.

M.E. Horace Chenery having resigned the office of Grand Scribe, it was *Voted*, That his resignation be accepted, and that the Grand Chapter now proceed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby. M.E. Comps. Dame and McClellan were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, when M.E. JOHN MCCLELLAN, having a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Scribe of the Grand

*NOTE.—The printed abstract of the Proceedings varies from this report. Concord Chapter is declared to be located in Framingham, which was the fact; but there is nothing explanatory of the matter in the record or in the printed abstract.

Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the ensuing Masonic year.

Voted to proceed to the installation of the officers for the ensuing year. M.E. and Rev. Paul Dean, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, was called to the chair, and proceeded in a solemn and impressive manner, to install the elective officers in the following order, viz:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, .	Grand King.
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Grand Scribe.
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and such of the officers as were present duly installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest, viz:

Comp. WENDELL T. DAVIS, .	Gr. Captain of the Host.
" GEORGE MOULTON, .	Grand Principal Sojourner,
" SOLON THORNTON, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" ISRAEL F. CRAFTS, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" GEORGE RIPLEY, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" AUGUSTUS TOWNE, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" RICHARD M. BARKER, " MARTIN W. LONG,	Grand Stewards.
Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, " THEODORE EDSON, " WM. R. ALGER,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. WM. H. L. SMITH, " ELIJAH K. SPOOR,	Grand Lecturers.
" DANIEL HARWOOD, " WILLIAM PARKMAN, " S. K. HUTCHINSON,	Committee of Finance.

Comp. THOMAS WATERMAN, " WENDELL T. DAVIS, " EDWARD B. MOORE,	Committee of Charity.
" WILLIAM C. MARTIN, .	Grand Tyler.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest, be requested to visit Washington Chapter, Salem, and take such measures in relation to the affairs of that Chapter as he may deem necessary and expedient.

Voted, That the Grand Council be authorized to procure all necessary regalia for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure from time to time suitable blanks, diplomas, and record books, as he may find necessary.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of $25 for his services for the year ending in September last.

Voted, That the sum of $20 be paid to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, to be expended in charity.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1854. The Grand Chapter assembled at 9 A. M., and was called from refreshment to labor. The lectures and work on the several degrees were exhibited, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Quarterly Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, 13th March, A. D. 1855.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EBENEZER TOLMAN, .	Grand King.
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. SAMUEL W. GLEASON, .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" GEORGE MOULTON, .	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" SOLON THORNTON, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" S. K. HUTCHINSON, .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" MARTIN W. LONG, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" RICHARD M. BARKER, .	Grand Steward.
" WM. H. L. SMITH, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" S. K. HUTCHINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" DANIEL HARWOOD,	
" WILLIAM PARKMAN,	
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, ROBERT KEITH,
SAMUEL MILLARD.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, Sutton, and St. John's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

A petition, signed by Lyman Maynard, Adin Ballou, Rufus Cheney, Warren Lovering, Arial Bragg, Hamblet Barber, Leonard Woodbury, James B. Wilson, Elisha Cutler, Edmund Conner, and Carmel Chenery, formerly members of Mount Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter of Medway, praying that the Charter of said Chapter may be restored to them, and they authorized to organize the same and hold their meetings at Milford, was presented and read. The petition was referred to Comps. Keith, Smith, and Hutchinson. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, viz:

IN GRAND CHAPTER, March 13, 1855.

The Committee to whom the foregoing petition was referred, report that the same ought to be granted and the Charter restored.

M.E. Comp. Harwood submitted the following amendment, viz:

"And that the Charter be restored whenever the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter shall become satisfied that no constitutional objection exists to that course."

The report and amendment, having been read, were unanimously adopted.

Voted, That the sum of five dollars be granted to Comp, Henry Craven, as a charitable donation.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in behalf of the Committee appointed to cause the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, together with his Address at the annual meeting in September last, to be printed, reported that two hundred copies of the Proceedings and Address had been printed and awaited the action of the Grand Chapter. Whereupon it was *Voted*, That two copies be sent to the Secretary of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, two copies to each of the State Grand Chapters, two

copies to each Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, and one copy to each officer and permanent member of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the expense of printing the Proceedings aforesaid, amounting to the sum of $29.84, be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Regalia, reported progress, and at their request, were granted further time.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that agreeably to a vote passed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, he had visited Washington Chapter, Salem, and submitted a few remarks in relation to the affairs of that Chapter.

The M.E. Grand High Priest also reported, that he had granted a dispensation to St. John's Chapter, East Boston.

Comp. Jonathan G. Johnson, made a few interesting remarks, relative to the affairs of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, by which it appeared that ancient Chapter was now in a prosperous condition.

The lecture on the Mark degree was given, and the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

March 14, 1855. The Grand Chapter met at 2 P. M., and was called from refreshment to labor, the work on the several degrees was exhibited, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following endorsement was made upon the Charter of Mount Lebanon Chapter, viz:

At a stated meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held in Boston, on the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1855, A. L. 5855, on the petition of Comps. Lyman Maynard, Adin Ballou, Rufus Cheney, Warren Lovering, Arial Bragg, Hamblet Barber, Leonard Woodbury, James B. Wilson, Elisha Cutler, Edmund Conner, and Carmel Chenery, formerly members of Mount Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, praying that the Charter of the Chapter aforesaid, may be restored to them, and they permitted to organize the same and hold their meetings in Milford. Whereupon, it was *Voted*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the companions aforesaid, with their associates, are hereby authorized and empowered to resume their Masonic labors; at all times conforming to the Rules and Regulations of our Grand Chapter.

STEPHEN LOVELL, *Grand High Priest.*

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

A Dispensation granted to St. John's Chapter, at East Boston, dated 12th Dec., 1854, to continue nine months.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 12th of June, A. D. 1855, R. A. M. 2385.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, .	Grand King.
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Grand Scribe.

Comp.	Samuel W. Gleason,	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
"	A. A. Dame,	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
"	Solon Thornton,	Grand R. A. Captain.
"	Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.
"	Israel F. Crafts,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
"	Martin W. Long,	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
"	John B. Hammatt,	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
"	William Parkman,	Committee of Finance.
"	Daniel Harwood,	
"	William C. Martin,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

Edw'd A. Raymond,	Past Grand High Priest.
Chas. W. Moore,	Past Grand High Priest.
Samuel Millard,	Past Grand King.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Horeb, and St. John's.

M.E. Joseph Bedlow, was recognized as proxy for M.E. S. K. Hutchinson, High Priest of Mount Horeb Chapter.

Visiters.—Benj. Stevens, James Endicott.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read and approved.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in behalf of the Committee on regalia, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had procured for the use of the Grand Chapter, seventeen satin aprons and twenty-five cotton aprons, the expense of which amounted to ninety dollars and twenty-five cents ($90.25).

Voted, That the report be accepted, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay the bill.

Voted, That the expenses of the Grand High Priest in visiting Washington Chapter at Salem, be allowed, and paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that he had visited Mount Lebanon R. A. Chapter at Milford, had examined into their proceedings, and being satisfied that they were correct, he had ordered their Charter to be restored, and assisted in the re-organization of said Chapter.

Voted to accept the invitation of Montgomery Lodge, at Milford, to attend the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on the 23d of June instant, and that all the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction, and all other Royal Arch Masons be invited to unite with this Grand Body on that occasion.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest, be requested to make all the necessary arrangements in behalf of this Grand Chapter for the celebration aforesaid.

The lecture on the Mark degree was given, and the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 13th June, 1855. The Grand R. A. Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, an exhibition of the work on the several degrees was given by St. Paul's Chapter.

Voted, That the Committee who were authorized to dispose of certain articles of regalia, belonging to the Grand Chapter, be requested to complete the duties assigned them.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.